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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 41.37(c)

1) With regard to section III, the status of all claims in the proceeding (e.g. rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, or cancelled) and an identification of those claims being appealed must be provided.

The status of claims 10 through 19 and claim 20 has not been provided.

2) With regard to section IV, the status of all amendments filed subsequent to the final rejection should be given. A generic statement that no amendments to the claims are pending is not specific enough to meet this requirement.

3) With regard to section V, each independent claim (claim 10) must be provided with a concise explanation of the included subject matter and shall refer to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings by reference character. Further, with regard to section V, every means plus function recitation (see claims 10, 12-14, and 17) must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claim function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings by reference character.

4) With regard to section VI, the statement of the Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed cannot include any arguments concerning the merits of the grounds of rejection presented for review. The Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed included in pages 3-6 of applicant's Appeal Brief does not comply with this requirement.

5) With regard to section VII, applicant has not provided a separate heading for each grounds of rejection on appeal.

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6) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877 and whose e-mail address is ([Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov](mailto:Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov)). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.

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